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Driver charged

■ A Confederation St. youth was charged with dangerous driving after the 1992 Ford Tempo he was driving at a high rate of speed last Sunday afternoon was unable to stop in a designated parking space at Blockbuster Video and ended up striking the curb, a wall and nearly hit two people.

The vehicle, a brick wall and window were damaged, totaling about \$10,000. Charged is Jason Gadowsis, 18, of Halton Hills.

Prowl charge laid

■ A 24-year-old Georgetown man has been charged with prowling by night after a Hwy. 7 man saw him sitting in his 1985 Dodge van parked in his driveway at 1 a.m. Sunday.

The van owner yelled at the man who ran off and was later tracked by a Halton police dog and found hiding in bushes northwest of Hwy. 7. Charged is Dean Bagley of Park St.

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Fire levels Gardens building

A building on the Dominion Garden's property was gutted by fire early Tuesday morning. Arson is the suspected cause, and Halton Police are investigating. The town was considering retaining the building on the site but a final decision hadn't been made. See story page 3.

Photo by Ted Brown

Surprise! Final tax bill will be 2.5% lower

By CYNTHIA GAMBLE
Staff Writer

Last week's provincial budget was good news for local taxpayers—wiping out an expected \$17 increase on their municipal tax bills.

Town Treasurer Ed DeSousa told council Monday night, that a 10 per cent drop in education taxes will neutralize a \$53 hike in town taxes.

It was announced in the provincial budget that edu-

cation taxes paid by property owners would be reduced 20 per cent over the next five years, with the first 10 per cent cut this year, DeSousa said.

This represents an \$85 decrease for homeowners with a property assessed at \$185,000.

Overall this means tax bills will drop by 2.5 per cent or \$68 overall (for a \$185,000 assessed home) compared to last year. The total tax bill will be \$2,591.

Municipal taxes go up \$53 to \$697; regional taxes go down \$36 to \$1,128 and the education

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1999 tax summary

Based on a home with an average Current Value Assessment of \$185,000, the following represents the overall tax impact for 1999, compared to the 1998 (urban rate).

	1998	1999	\$ Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
TOWN	\$644	\$697	\$53	8.18
REGION	\$1,164	\$1,128	(\$36)	(3.1)
SCHOOL	\$851	\$766	(\$85)	(10)
TOTAL	\$2,659	\$2,591	(\$68)	(2.5)



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